Dear Paul, 11/8/80

Thanks for your 11/5 and the cute card.

The HSCA-DJ correspondence is helpful for the purpose intended, thanks.

I don't have any recollection of the CIA notes, etc. but I may well have some. Instead of making any request now I'll wait until Rae is back, as she will be, for a short period. She'll know or can learn and can then ask. This can be the reminder for when she is here.

I've read the Fonzi/Washingtonian piece and think it is not helpful.

On that, out of the blue yesterday I got a phone call from ABC News (Library) in NYC yesterday. They suddenly wanted all my books. I don't know why, but it does seem strange that only now would they develop this interest. I figured something had to cause it. First thing that came to mind is the puffery for Lifton's book. JL thought it might have some connection with promos for the Fonzi piece.

My work is less intensive. I have much to sort out and sweat out and neither is conducive to concentration. I got into light reading when I was in the hospital and I've been enjoying that for the first time in soo many years!

But I do keep at work.

If I didn't tell you, I've now got the rest of the Dallas index. I've not been able to examine it. There are 14 new cartons down in the cellar near where the file cabients for it are. A friend carried them down for me and got them out of the living room, much to Lil's appeciation. I also have the New Orleans so-called cross-references vice the records withheld as previously processed at FBIHQ. I think Rae showed you these for Dallas. If so you know what they are - merely worksheets reflecting the FBIHQ identification of the "previously processed" ones.

By now my appeals re the Dallas records should have been acted on. This means, in this particular case, that Shea made his recommendations to the Associate AG, who will then pass on them and if the FBI disagrees, decided whether or not to support Shea. My own belief is that Shea has been trying to eliminate all the problems he can on the administrative level, probably with the FBI, so that what goes up will be simpler. If my hunch is correct it will probably mean that I'll be getting more. I'll let you know.

I haven't tried any steps yet, except for the two in and out of the house. Ten days ago I could get down them OK, for there were a number I have to navigate when I left the hospital after a checkup. I've not tried going up any, however, so I've not been down the cellar and I won't be trying it until after the coming week's checkup.

I can't do any standing without protest from the left leg, so I'm not going into any files except those in my office and few of them. And all the FOIA ones are in the cellar.

Stay well! The bills, doctor, surgery and half the hospitalization, are over $12,000. Two weeks of hospitalization are to be added!

Best,